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## NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

### DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market tone was steady at best on 8-16 lb. hens and 16-24 lb. toms. Sales were most active in the East for April and May shipments of private label hens and toms. Offerings were adequate or available. Bulk parts and meats demand was light. Trading was slow, with fully sufficient offerings.



### EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading continued light. Current international events and the Lenten period constrained new negotiations.

**WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS**, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **MARCH 27, 2003**

	CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/				FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/			OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/	
	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	61-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	60-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	61-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	58-59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	58-59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	58-59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	58.5-62	58.5-61	59.03	1200	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	60-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	61-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	56.5-59	57.5	57.50	360	57.00	240	MAY	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	56-59	56.5	56.50	40	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	56-59	56	56.00	10	-	-	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days.

3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting. 6/ Includes product committed for pricing during the previous 24 hours but shipment in more than 14 days from date of commitment. 7/ Includes product committed during previous 24 hours at prices to be determined at later date.

**WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS**, FROZEN CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

WEEK OF MAR 28, 2003	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	59.03	62.00	59.00
CENTRAL REGION	60.80**	61.00**	58.00
WESTERN REGION	61.50**	61.50**	58.00
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	57.50	59.00	54.00
CENTRAL REGION	56.50	58.50**	56.00
WESTERN REGION	56.80	58.50**	52.00 **

BASED ON OFFERS

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY,  
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	96
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	96
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	65-66
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	63
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	65-72

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY  
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	119-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	99-125
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	99-125
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	99-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	99-129

**FRESH TURKEYS WITH TIMERS OR EQUIVALENT U.S. GRADE A,  
DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, EASTERN REGION  
CENTS PER POUND, WEEK OF 31-MAR-2003**

	(8-16#)	(16-24#)	
	<u>HENS</u>	<u>LBS TOMS</u>	<u>LBS</u>
	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>(000) PRICE</u>	<u>(000)</u>
SALES (PROMOTIONS INCLUDED)	67.89	54 66.60	25
SALES (PROMOTIONS NOT INCLUDED)	67.89	54 66.60	25
SALES (PROMOTIONS ONLY)			
SALES (PRICE TO BE DETERMINED)			

**TURKEY MOVEMENT TREND (IN THOUSAND POUNDS)  
SLAUGHTER-CERTIFIED RTC TURKEYS**

FEBRUARY	401,381*
MARCH 1-22, 2003	312,240*
To date 2003	1,158,388*
To date 2002	1,138,250*

\*PRELIMINARY

**NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS**BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 22-Mar-2003  
(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

		<u>YOUNG TURKEYS</u>		<u>TOTAL TURKEYS</u>	
		<u>PCT</u>	<u>AVG</u>	<u>OLD</u>	<u>AVG</u>
		<u>CHG</u>	<u>LIVE</u>	<u>BANDED</u>	<u>LIVE</u>
<u>-THOUSAND HEAD-</u>	<u>PW</u>		<u>WT</u>	<u>-THOUSAND HEAD-</u>	<u>WT</u>
N EAST	858	-1	21.98	(A)	864 21.98
SATL	827	1	28.41	(A)	833 28.41
N CENT	2,128	-3	32.70	(A)	2,134 32.70
S CENT	361	12	23.30	(A)	366 23.30
WEST	390	21	21.43	(A)	395 21.43
U.S. TOTAL	4,564(B)	1	28.21	28	4,592 28.21
TO-DATE					
2003	51,925(B)			183	52,108
TO-DATE					
2002	52,640(B)			104	52,744

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 43,000; for the year 681,000; last year to date 511,000.

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED**

W/E 22-Mar-2003

	<u>YOUNG</u>		<u>YOUNG</u>	<u>OLD</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
	<u>HENS</u>	<u>TOMS</u>	<u>BREEDERS</u>		
	<u>THOUSANDS</u>				
HEAD	1,777	2,744	43	28	4,592
AVG WT	15.79	36.29	25.25	28.94	28.21
LAST WEEK	1,736	2,757	46	25	4,564
SAME WK YR AGO	1,795	2,682	52	10	4,539
AVG WT	16.13	35.30	24.61	29.46	27.58
TO-DATE/2003	20,231	31,013	681	183	52,108
TO-DATE/2002	20,783	31,346	511	104	52,744

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**NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT**, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 27 MARCH 2003.

The trade sentiment on tom drums ranged from at least steady to barely steady mostly steady, tom full-cut wings steady to barely steady, tom 2-joint wings steady to instances weak and steady to fully steady on tom necks. The trade sentiment on hen necks was fully steady to firm, steady on the balance of items. Bulk parts demand was slow to instances fair. Offerings of bulk parts ranged from tight on necks with hen the least available to instances ample on tom wings with excess inventories noted on both 2-joints and full-cuts. Trading light on all items. For domestic: Grade A private label 4-8 lb. breasts 102 delivered June and 104 delivered July-August, plant grade non-basted 10-18 lb. breasts 89, fresh scapula 64 and frozen mechanically separated turkey 20 cents delivered mid-April. Hen drums traded at 18 cents delivered export.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		W	95.00	7
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/	154.00		154.00	10
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		F	89.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		W	23.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		M	25.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		W	18.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	17.00		17.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		W	18.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		T	26.00	12
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		T	54.00	40
NECKS, TOM	21.00		21.00	40
NECKS, HEN		T	16.00	10
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	118.00		118.00	120
THIGH MEAT		M	52.00	25
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		W	55.00	40
BREAST TRIM MEAT		W	75.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT	63.00-65.00		64.00	80
TENDERLOINS		F	97.00	20
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		F	103.11	360
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH	116.00-121.00		118.94	34
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	52.00		52.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	21.10	200
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	23.00		23.00	14

#### EXPORT TRADING

DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	22.00		22.00	26
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	14.50-15.50		14.93	182
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS	20.00		20.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	20.50		20.50	104
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	50.50		50.50	80

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.):

M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted.

3/ Boneless and skinless without tenderloins. 4/ 15-20% fat with skin added.

**NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 28 MARCH 2003.**

New negotiations were slow to develop on bulk meats and parts. Fresh and frozen breast meat and thigh meat were available. Supplies of necks continued tight, tom full cut and v-type wings were fully adequate. Supplies of tom drums were mixed and prices were in a wide range. Tails traded at 19 cents delivered and hen drums at 15 cents FOB. Export sales included hen drums 16 cents delivered port and fresh tom drums 22 cents delivered border. Trucks were tight in some areas.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	LST CDE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		W	95.00	7	95.00	7
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/	145.00		145.00	20	148.00	30
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		F	89.00	40		
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	21.00-25.00		22.06	159	22.63	368
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH	23.00		23.00	20	24.33	60
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		W	18.00	40	17.80	98
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	16.00-17.00		16.63	109	16.32	354
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	15.00		15.00	40	16.65	113
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	25.00		25.00	40	25.61	102
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		T	54.00	40	54.00	60
NECKS, TOM	22.50-23.00		22.83	60	22.86	224
NECKS, HEN		T	16.00	10	16.00	25
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/						
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/		R	118.00	120	118.32	940
THIGH MEAT		M	52.00	25	52.00	25
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	53.00		53.00	80	53.50	160
BREAST TRIM MEAT	72.00		72.00	40	73.50	80
SCAPULA MEAT		R	64.00	80	64.33	120
TENDERLOINS		F	97.00	20		
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		F	103.11	360		
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH	115.00		115.00	20	116.70	151
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		R	52.00	40	52.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	21.10	200		
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	16.00-19.00		17.50	80	18.75	294
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		R	22.00	26	21.33	386
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		R	14.93	182	14.93	182
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM						
TAILS		R	20.00	40	20.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	22.00		22.00	52	20.20	260
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	51.00		51.00	80	52.53	448

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